

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

February 24, 2015

Mayor Tinnerman called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Tinnerman; *Councilmembers:* Sarah Copp, Fred Francis, Susan Willis, Scott Fogle, Don Dohrman, and Anthony Miller. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Ben Herron, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

Dated: February 24, 2015

Signed: Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

GENERAL UPDATES

Ben Herron stated he would like to change the Snow Removal Ordinance. He stated at this time it requires individuals to move their vehicles off the street if there is a snow of at least 2". Mr. Herron stated citizens should not have to move their vehicles when the snow is 2" or less.

Manager Kline stated Tim Swartztrauber has not been able to camera the south side of town. He stated the Municipality is set to receive bids on March 5, 2015, for paving. Manager Kline stated an employee needs to have surgery and would be off for about four (4) or five (5) weeks. He stated they need to hire a part-time person for the Sewer Department during the employee's absence. Manager Kline discussed how having the camera has saved money. He will have a re-appropriations Ordinance for the March meeting to include the part-time person.

Manager Kline stated he would need to do a Resolution for the property and liability insurance. He stated currently the Municipality has been paying around fifty-five thousand (\$55,000) dollars a year. Mr. Kline thinks he will be able to negotiate another three (3) year deal. He explained what all the liability insurance covers. Manager Kline stated the Municipality has been a part of the Ohio Municipal League insurance pool for many years.

Manager Kline stated a Park Board meeting was held last week. He stated representatives came from Potsdam, Ludlow Falls, and Union Township. Manager Kline stated he plans to attend the Council Meetings for Potsdam, Ludlow Falls, and Laura and ask them to be a part of the Recreational Park Board District. He stated both mayors for Potsdam and Ludlow Falls are in favor of being a part of the District. Manager Kline stated Laura is interested

as well. Mayor Tinnerman asked if this District is established if each Council would need to pass Resolutions. Manager Kline stated, "Yes." Scott Fogle explained there would be one (1) representative from Potsdam, one (1) representative from Ludlow Falls, one (1) representative from Laura, two (2) representatives from Union Township, and two (2) representatives from West Milton. He stated, at some point, if the District is established there may be a need to put a levy on the ballot for funding. Mr. Fogle stated this would allow things to be done for each community.

JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember information from Englewood, Tipp City, Troy, and Union regarding junk vehicles for their review. He asked Council to review this information and then make recommendations as to what they would like to see included in West Milton's Junk Vehicle Ordinance. Mayor Tinnerman stated he wants Council to look at what they want to work towards. Manager Kline stated he would ask the Police Officer that handles problems with junk vehicles in West Milton what types of problems he encounters and if he has suggestions. He stated Englewood's Ordinance is the one he likes the most. Mayor Tinnerman asked if someone could purchase property in West Milton and operate a junk yard. Manager Kline stated yes if it is in the correct zone. Council discussed whether to include verbiage to cover businesses having junk vehicles. Manager Kline stated he would check on what is allowed in the business areas of other cities. Don Dohrman asked if Council should take into consideration the salvage laws timeframes. Fred Francis stated Council should look at what the Ohio Revised Code states regarding junk vehicles. Council will work on this item of business at the March 2015 workshop meeting.

Susan Willis stated she would like for Manager Kline to check with ODOT regarding the tanker truck setting at Sunoco.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE CODE

Mayor Tinnerman stated when he was having a house he owned insured, they gave him a list of what had to be completed before they would insure it. He asked Manager Kline if there is some sort of standard that individuals have to go by to get their homes insured. Manager Kline stated he would check with Mark Hamler from Hamler Insurance to see if he can get a check list. This would give Council a good starting place to work from while working on the Exterior Maintenance Code. Don Dohrman stated most financial institutions will not finance a house that is not properly taken care of. Sarah Copp asked if requiring individuals to repair their homes is done on a complaint basis.

Manager Kline stated, "Mostly." Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of Chapter 98 – Exterior Property Maintenance Code for their review. Manager Kline explained the process that has to be taken before anything can be done to clean up properties. He stated he and Ben Herron are going to try and take a couple of hours each week to look at the different areas in West Milton and try to be pro-active. Manager Kline also explained the process for homes with tall grass. Don Dohrman asked if Manager Kline could get a resource list of people who are willing to help people clean up their property.

OTHER

Scott Fogle stated the Miami Valley Veterans Museum and Sinclair Community College would be doing an event to honor the 50th year anniversary for veterans who served in Vietnam. He stated the event would be held on April 23, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Fogle stated he would schedule the Honor Guard to be a part of the Fourth of July Parade and also for Memorial Day.

Mayor Tinnerman stated the Honors Government Class from Milton-Union High School comes each year to sit in on a Council Workshop Meeting and a regular Council Meeting. He stated they were not able to be at this Workshop Meeting due to a conflict in scheduling. It was discussed that one of the classes were responsible for a mirror being placed so that when you are going south on Jay Street you can see back on Market Street helping to eliminate accidents in that area. Manager Kline stated last year's class wrote a letter asking property owners to clean up their property. He stated when he has to send a letter asking an owner to clean up their property he includes a copy of their letter.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Stallman, Director of Community Relations for DPL Energy, stated DPL has a new CEO, Tom Reagan. He stated Mr. Reagan is going to hold a meeting regarding electric vehicles. Mr. Stallman invited Mayor Tinnerman and Manager Kline to attend the meeting on March 13, 2015. Mr. Stallman stated in October of 2014 they started offering economic grants to help the various communities. He stated they would be accepting applications for these grants. Mr. Stallman also stated they would be giving out three (3) one thousand (\$1,000) dollar scholarships to help students who are majoring in energy related fields. He stated applications for the scholarships need to be in by April. Mr. Stallman stated he received an e-mail yesterday stating

DP&L has received an increase in reported scams relating to utilities targeting small businesses. He stated for additional information individuals can visit DP&L.com for educational safety tips.

Levi Knight of Beechnut stated he thinks the Junk Vehicle Ordinance and the RV Ordinance should be combined into one (1) Ordinance. He stated he agrees that vehicles should have a license plate on them but does not agree they should have to be insured. Mr. Knight stated usually ninety (90%) percent of the people who put a plate on a vehicle plans to do something with it.

Scott Fogle stated Council just wants to do what is needed to clean up the town. He stated Council just needs to get a balance between everything.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Jason Tinnerman
Mayor